

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A polyurethane elastic fiber nonwoven fabric comprising polyurethane elastic fiber filaments which are mutually fused and bonded, wherein and has a tensile elongation is of not less than 100%, a recovery at 50% elongation is of not less than 75%, and a tear strength per basis weight is of not less than 5.5 gf.

2. (Original) A method of producing a polyurethane elastic fiber nonwoven fabric, which comprises dehydrating a thermoplastic polyurethane elastomer having a Shore A hardness of not less than 92, thereby to reduce a moisture content to 150 ppm or less, melt-spinning the thermoplastic polyurethane elastomer, scattering the resulting polyurethane filaments through a high-speed air flow, and depositing and laminating the filaments in a sheet form at a temperature which is 35°C lower than the Vicat softening temperature.

3. (Currently Amended) A synthetic leather comprising a base material layer made of a polyurethane elastic fiber nonwoven fabric comprising polyurethane elastic fiber filaments which are mutually fused and bonded and has a tensile elongation of not less than 100%, a recovery at 50% elongation of not less than 75% and a tear strength per basis weight of not less than 5.5 gf, and a skin layer made of a synthetic resin sheet laminated on the base material layer, wherein the synthetic leather having a tensile elongation is of not less than 100%, a recovery at 50% elongation is of not less than 75%, and a tear strength per basis weight is of not less than 2.5 gf.